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Local Matters.

For a Preparedness Parade.

Plans are being made for a big parade in Newport on the fourth of July, which is a portion of the observance of Independence Day and also as a demonstration for a preparedness program. The parade is being developed under the auspices of the Board of Trade, the initiative largely coming from ex-Mayor Frederick P. Garretton. A committee has been appointed by the Board of Trade to form a general committee of citizens to formulate plans.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade on Tuesday evening, Mr. Garretton presented the suggestion for a preparedness parade on July 4th, and also outlined a general plan for the feature as it occurred to him. The matter was discussed by the board, and it was finally voted to appoint a committee of citizens to take charge of the affair. The committee named consists of Frederick P. Garretton, Max Levy, Ernest Volz, William P. Clarke and Frank P. King. They will get to work at once and will call a general meeting of citizens within a short time, when the affair can be fully discussed.

It has been suggested that Senator George Peabody Wetmore would make a very desirable chairman of the general committee, and he will probably be invited to serve. Plans and tentative suggestions have been made for the parade and the proposition has met with very general approval by business men and citizens generally. It is proposed to have as many ships of the Atlantic fleet as possible in the harbor on that day and to have a large number of men landed to take part in the parade. To this end it will be necessary to send an invitation promptly, and in fact an informal request to this effect had already been sent to the Admiral. The apprentices from the Training Station, the Coast Artillery from the Fort, the Newport Artillery, Naval Reserves, Boy Scouts, Rogers High School Cadets, and all civic and fraternal organizations in the city, including many women's organizations will be invited to take part in the parade.

A problem that will confront the committee will be the matter of serving refreshments to the paraders, especially to the men from the ships, and it has been suggested that they might be served at the beach at the conclusion of the parade. A considerable sum of money will have to be raised to accomplish this.

Washington Commandery Inspected.

The annual inspection of Washington Commandery, No. 4, K. T., took place at the Asylum in Masonic Temple on Wednesday evening. Eminent Sir Harry G. Pollard, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was the inspecting officer, with Eminent Sir Arthur D. Prince, as acting Grand Warden, and accompanied by a large number of distinguished members of the order, including Past Grand Commander William H. H. Soule, who is an honorary member of Washington Commandery.

Previous to the inspection supper was served in the large hall on the first floor, the service being by the ladies of the Sir Knights' families. Following the business of the evening a dance which was served and a general social time followed.

Mr. Thomas Crosby, who died suddenly at her home on Aycault street on Tuesday evening, was the mother of Professor Thomas Crosby, Jr., of Brown University and of Mr. William A. Crosby of this city. Her husband died several years ago.

The Navy mine-layer *Sigsbee* was in the Vineyard Sound on Wednesday while on her way to Newport. Although calls for assistance were sent out she was able to get off without incident.

Highway Work Delayed.

The bad weather of the early part of the week put a serious handicap on all outdoor work, especially that of the highway department where the ambitious program for the spring and summer calls for continuous work. It had been hoped to put the asphalt top dressing on Powell Avenue and have that completed on Monday, but this kind of work cannot be done unless the weather is very dry. The excavating for new sidewalks was entirely suspended during the rainy spell, putting this work back very perceptibly.

On Washington square the men were forced to take a lay-off for several days, although Tuesday afternoon there was some excavating done in the intervals between showers. The concrete foundation is now going in on the north side of the railroad tracks, and as soon as that hardens sufficiently the pavement layers will follow it up closely. The square is practically closed to all traffic, except the street cars.

Hold Up Alleged.

Early Tuesday evening a man called at a house on Washington street, and said that he had been held up, shot and robbed, showing a wounded thumb as evidence. The police were summoned by telephone and to them he related a somewhat weird story. He said that he belonged to Fort Totten and had come to Newport from New Bedford, on his way to Fort Adams. He arrived here on the 9 o'clock train and met a man who conducted him over to Fort Greene, where the stranger produced a revolver and asked him for his money, shooting him in the thumb. The stranger then threw the revolver and a bottle of whiskey into the harbor and disappeared. The police investigated and found the revolver and empty bottle in the water, but were not disposed to put any credence in the story. He was taken to the police station for safe keeping over night, and the next morning was sent to Fort Adams.

The Rogers High School Cadets made their first public appearance with full ranks on Tuesday afternoon, when the entire battalion, headed by the drum and bugle squad marched from the School to the State Armory on Thames street. Next week the colors will be presented to the Battalion in the State Armory, and the trip on Tuesday was to give opportunity for rehearsal for the ceremony as well as to give the boys some practice in street marching. The boys made a good appearance on the street, and many persons were surprised to see that the organization was as large as it is. The Cadets will probably participate in the Memorial Day parade this year.

The 110th Company of Coast Artillery from Fort Greble started for Plattsburg, N. Y., where they will be stationed for the summer on Wednesday, leaving Newport in three special cars attached to the 3.05 train. This detail was made in order to supply the place of the troops from Plattsburg who have been ordered to the Mexican frontier.

Governor R. Livingston Beekman will review the Rogers High School Cadets at the State Armory on Monday evening, May 29. The stand of colors will be presented to the battalion next Wednesday by Mr. Guy Norman, the presentation taking place on Broadway in front of the School.

Gwendolyn Ward, 14 years old, stepped off the sidewalk on Mill street Wednesday afternoon, coming directly in the path of an automobile, which knocked her down. She very fortunately escaped serious injury.

St. Zion A. M. E. Church has been celebrating its sixty-seventh anniversary during the past week. There have been special church services, historical address and an entertainment program on various evenings.

Bids for removing the property of the Postoffice to the temporary location in the Kirwin building have been opened by Postmaster Sullivan and forwarded to Washington.

Already forty thousand people have applied for seats in the Chicago convention hall which will hold but twelve thousand four hundred people.

New York has passed the bill increasing the inheritance tax of that State by which they expected to realize two million dollars more money.

Mr. Edward Collings Knight, Jr., will occupy his villa on Bellevue and Yezaga avenues for the first time in several years.

The summer camp for the Y. M. C. A. boys at Pettaquamscutt will be opened on June 15th, and will probably close about July 11th.

Rev. William I. Ward will be the orator of the day on Memorial Day, and Rev. John Andrew Jones will be the chaplain of the day.

An Incipient Riot.

Whether it is because of the European war, or the weather, or what, there has been considerable delinquency in Newport during the past week or more. Several near-riots have been handled by the police and there have been other acts of violence that have called for the attention of the department. The most serious riot occurred on Long wharf last Saturday night when Officer Barker was called to a resort to take out an objectionable sailor. Other sailors attempted to interfere, so that the officer was unable to get to the police box with his prisoner and took him into a restaurant where he telephoned for assistance. The sailors outside then charged the place and were about to break in when the police reserves arrived in the auto patrol. The attacking party scattered for safety with the police in hot pursuit. Most of the men made their escape but three were caught and were given a full line in the police court. In addition, they will be severely punished by the naval authorities.

Newport Historical Society.

The annual meeting of the Newport Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 3:30 P. M., in the old Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House, connected with their rooms. This old meeting house has recently been moved to the Barney street side of the Society's property, and has been bricked in and provided with a slant roof and steel shutters for better fire protection. Wednesday's meeting will be the first of the Society since the renovation. At this meeting the annual reports will be read, the election of officers held, reports of the building committee will be presented and the new structure will be formally turned over to the Society. Hon. Herbert O. Brigham, State Record Commissioner, will speak to the Society upon the value of a fire proof building such as has been erected by the Society.

Mrs. Fearing and Mrs. Tuckerman will serve tea after the meeting.

Mrs. Henry C. de Rivera died very suddenly in Pittsburg on Wednesday, following an operation for acute appendicitis with which she had been stricken while on the way from New York to Peoria, Ill., which was the family home. She was a daughter of Mrs. Charles A. Siegfried and had spent most of her time in Newport with her mother until her marriage last October. The news of her sudden death came as a great shock to her many friends here, especially in naval circles. Her father, who died a number of years ago, was a Medical Inspector in the Navy.

Colonel Mills of the Engineer Office will give another hearing on harbor anchorage in the old State House next Tuesday. At that time it is expected that protests against the proposed changes will be presented by the representatives of several yacht clubs.

Chief Pay Clerk Edward F. DeFaney has been returned to duty at the Naval Training Station. Where he has been on duty for a great many years, following a short detail to sea service on the U. S. S. Maine.

Weenat Shasit Tribe of Red Men will attend divine service at the First Baptist John Clarke Memorial Church next Sunday evening, when the pastor, Rev. John Andrew Jones, will deliver a special sermon.

Last week the surface of the ground was pretty dry, but now it has had water enough to last for some weeks. Lawn mowers have not yet been called into use.

One of the features proposed for the big Morse convention next month is a trades parade, something that has not been seen in this city for some years.

A man was discovered peeping into the rooms of the Nurses Home on Broadway on Sunday evening, and was frightened away by neighbors.

Mrs. John C. Seabury is at the Newport Hospital where she has submitted to another operation, and is now progressing favorably.

Mrs. John Nicholas Brown and her son have returned to "Harboreourt" after having spent several months on the Pacific coast.

Hon. George Peabody Wetmore and Mrs. Wetmore have arrived at their Newport residence for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Treys of Minneapolis are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Treys on Church street.

Last Sunday was observed as "Mothers Day," appropriate services in the churches.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon King and their two daughters have arrived for the summer.

Mr. George W. Bacheller, Jr., is recovering from an operation at the Newport Hospital.

Board of Aldermen.

There was not a great deal of business to come before the board of aldermen at its weekly session on Thursday evening, routine matters being disposed of in quick time. Chief of Police Crowley presented a further report on the conditions at the Colonial Theatre, accompanied by reports of officers of the department who had studied the conditions there. The reports were received, but no action was taken by the board.

Street Commissioner Sullivan reported on the proposition of George E. Reed to provide two men to care for the dump if he could have the privilege of hauling the waste matter, and the board decided to accept the proposition under proper restrictions. The street commissioner was authorized to place one of the city boys at the Ann street pier, to be maintained by the Newport Engineering Works.

Mrs. Joseph Harriman, whose petition for poles on East street to carry electric lights into her home, had been denied, asked the board to allow her to dig a trench to bury the wires. This proposition was agreed to by the board.

Bids were opened for removing the old roller building on Long wharf and the contract went to Arthur John Roach for \$274. The committee on the removal of the old police station reported progress. A number of roll-up notices were disposed of, including the granting of a large number of licenses for motor hackney vehicles and drivers.

Recent Deaths.

Charles A. Easton.

Mr. Charles A. Easton, formerly of this city, died very suddenly at his home in Narragansett Pier on Sunday afternoon. He was a son of the late Charles A. Easton of this city, and for many years was engaged in business with his father as an expert ship-builder and interior finisher. In 1892, he removed to Jamestown where he was engaged in business as a contracting builder for a few years, and erected some of the finest houses on the island. Later he removed to Narragansett Pier and continued to carry on his business there, being also the sexton of the Episcopal Church, St. Peter-by-the-Sea.

While living in Newport Mr. Easton took a great interest in fire department matters, being a member of the old volunteer department and later rising to be a member of the board of firewards. He was also interested in political affairs, and served several terms as a member of the board of aldermen under the old charter, and was also a member of the Republican city committee.

He is survived by a widow, also two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Edward E. Taylor and Mrs. Daniel Congdon, and Mr. Roland J. Easton.

John Pendergast, who fell from the roof of the Gas Works building on Lower Thames street some weeks ago, died at the Newport Hospital on Tuesday after having been in a serious condition since his fall. He was formerly a Chief Machinist Mate in the Navy, and was placed on the retired list last March after 20 years of service. He was a member of Camp Thomas, Spanish War Veterans. He is survived by a widow and three children, also by a brother and a sister.

A committee has been appointed to select a site for the erection of a church edifice for the Greek Orthodox Church in Newport. The constantly increasing number of Greeks in Newport and their growing prosperity has made the building of a church possible, and it is the intention of the committee to push it to a rapid completion.

By the will of Mrs. Ellen Turk French, which was admitted to probate in this city this week, all the Newport real estate was left to her daughter, Mrs. Ellen French Vanderbilt, Anna Turk French, of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., a son, is named as the executor.

Plans are being developed for another pageant to be given on the fourth of July, the participants to be mostly children. The pageant last year at Aquidneck Park was a great success, being produced by children and adults both.

Mr. Charles T. Griffith, formerly of this city but now chief purser of the P. & O. Steamship Company, is on his way north and will spend a month of his vacation in this city.

Mr. John R. Caswell is confined to his home on Bull street by illness. He has been threatened with bronchial pneumonia. He is now improving.

Mrs. Charles F. Perry has returned to Block Island after having spent the winter in the South.

Mrs. Vanderbilt has arrived at "The Breakers" for the summer season.

Bids for New Postoffice.

Bids have been opened in Washington for the construction of the new Federal Building in this city, and there seems to be no reason why the cost should not come within the amount designated by Congress. The contracts will probably not be awarded for some days yet. There were no local bidders represented in the competition, but the large construction companies from all parts of the country submitted estimates. These were alternative bids submitted, one for using limestone construction and the other sandstone, the latter running about \$15,000 higher than the former. The lowest bidder was M. Yeager & Son of Knoxville, Ill., and it is thought that they will probably get the contract.

The bids submitted were as follows: M. H. Kissell and Co. of New York City, for limestone \$284,000, and for sandstone \$299,000.

Charles McCullough Co. of Philadelphia, for limestone \$284,000 and for sandstone \$299,000.

M. Yeager & Son of Knoxville, Ill., for limestone \$284,000, and for sandstone \$299,000.

J. A. Carlin Construction Co. of New York City, for limestone \$284,000 and for sandstone \$299,000.

John H. Parker Co. of New York City, for limestone \$284,000 and for sandstone \$299,000.

Hornish Kerr Co. of New York City, for limestone \$284,000 and for sandstone \$299,000.

Fryer and Hanna Co. of New York City, for limestone \$284,000 and for sandstone \$299,000.

King Lumber Co. of Charlottesville, Va., for limestone \$284,000, and for sandstone \$299,000.

The Boyle Construction Co., Inc., of Washington, D. C., for limestone \$284,000 and for sandstone \$299,000.

As the contract will go to out-of-town contractors, they will bring here their own superintendents and foremen but it is probable that they will depend upon Newport and nearby places for their general labor. When the building will be begun, and when it will be finished, are uncertainties. The contract calls for the building to be ready for occupancy as the temporary postoffice by June 1st, but it seems entirely out of the question that it can be ready at that time. A vast amount of work is being done there, and a large skeleton is being constructed on the street floor to give space for the working department of the postoffice. It is practically equal to putting up an entirely new building for this purpose.

After the present building is vacated, the contractors for its removal will be allowed thirty days to clear the site, and while this may be accomplished, the present shortage of labor and of teams makes it look like a formidable task for the allotted time. It is generally believed that it will be pretty close upon three years before the post-office will be moved back into the new building.

The New England Steamship Company has ordered a change made in the method of handling the sale of state-room tickets on the Fall River Line, to go into effect on June 1st. At present the headquarters for the state-room tickets is in Boston, so that when the regular supply of the local office at Newport, Fall River or New Bedford is exhausted it is necessary to get into communication with the Boston office. After June 1st, the headquarters will be established in Fall River, so that the local office will arrange for extra state-rooms with that office. The business of the local ticket office will not be affected by the change.

Coronet Council, No. 63, Royal Arcanum, of this city, and Comandant Council of Jamestown will go to East Greenwich next Monday evening to participate in the parade and reception arranged by Massachusetts Council of that town. The trip will be made by special boat, leaving Newport about six o'clock.

Sergeant William H. K. Wilcox is ill with pneumonia at the Newport Hospital, following an operation.

Board of Trade Committee.

Ways and Means—Thomas B. Congdon, chairman; Edward A. Sherman, Charles Thibault, Edward B. Peckham, T. T. Pitman.

Legislation and Taxation—John H. Austin, chairman; John C. Burke, Clark Burdick, William H. Harvey, Max Levy.

New Enterprises—Edward P. Gouling, chairman; J. T. O'Connell, Ernest Volz, A. H. Caschabas, William E. Brightman.

Statistics and Information—Thomas P. Peckham, chairman; Oliver W. Huntington, John P. Lantz, Walter A. Wright, George A. Wood.

Advertising and Publishing—F. P. Garretton, chairman; Jacob A. Jacobs, I. K. Carr, J. Henry Cremin, Howard G. Ward.

Entertainment—J. W. Waite, chairman; A. B. Commerford, David C. Casar, Walter S. Langley, Henry A. Gurlik.

Transportation—William P. Clarke, chairman; Warren T. Herr, Charles C. Gardner, A. Livingston Mason, William J. Creaney.

British Ship Enters Harbor.

For the first time since the outbreak of the European war, a merchant ship of one of the belligerent nations put into Newport harbor this week. She was the British tramp steamer *Oceanic*, bound from Genoa, Italy, to New York with a miscellaneous cargo. Owing to the danger from enemy submarines the steamer took a long course in crossing the ocean, and by the time that she arrived in this city she was short of coal and provisions, and was compelled to put into Newport to replenish before continuing on to New York. There was less than a ton of coal in her bunkers when she reached here, where she took on just enough to enable her to reach New York. She sailed from here late in the evening.

Although constantly on the lookout, neither observations of the enemy nor sightings of a friendly nation were signs on the long voyage across the ocean.

Four sailors gave the police quite an exciting chase on Thursday evening, one of them being captured while the other three got away. The four were taken aboard by Patrolman Kane on Broadway street and when one of them broke the glass in the fire alarm box and prepared to send in a false alarm, the patrolman jumped for them. He caught one man, but the others got away although a persistent search was made by patrolmen posted from the station. A short time before, a party of four sailors had been seen tampering with the fire alarm box on the Post office building.

The annual inspection of the Newport Artillery Company was held at the Armory on Charles street on Tuesday evening, and as usual the company was found to be in splendid condition. Adjutant General Charles W. Allen, Jr., was the inspecting officer, assisted by Quartermaster General Charles T. Olin. There was a large gathering of friends of the company, including many past members, and also a number of the Newport County Military Association. The company was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Wade, with Arthur Power as Adjutant.

The steamer *Islander* did not venture to take the trip to Block Island on either Wednesday or Thursday on account of the severe storm and high seas. It has been about the wildest weather of the winter season.

The annual cruise of the *Islander* from the United States Naval Academy may bring them into Newport for a short time during the coming summer, although this place is not included on the regular itinerary for the cruise.

A general invitation to the hosts of all civic and military organizations in Newport has been sent out by Hon. E. P. Garretton to attend a preliminary meeting on Saturday afternoon, to talk over plans for the preparedness parade.

Dr. John C. Champlin, of Block Island, who has been seriously ill since the death of his brother, Senator Christopher E. Champlin, shows little improvement. He is under treatment in Providence.

The new torpedo boat destroyer, *Porter*, one of the most recent additions to the navy, is in the harbor to get her torpedo equipment from the Torpedo Station.

PORTSMOUTH.

(From our regular correspondent.) Colonel William Barton Chapter, D. A. R., held his monthly meeting with regent Mrs. Kate Thurston. Ten members and five visitors from Newport, including the regent of that chapter were present. Mrs. Kate Thurston read her report of the congress at Washington, at which convention she was a delegate.

Mrs. Lottie Tallman of New York was in town recently visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Mabel Ginnings of Tiverton has concluded her visit with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Bishop, and has returned to her home.

Mr. Benjamin Dennis of Providence was in town recently looking over his summer home, and making plans to enlarge it.

Mrs. Mary Willard and her daughter, Marion of Providence are guests of Mrs. Willard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Chase of "Wappingaug" on Wapping road.

On account of the Portsmouth Grange entertainment, the regular meeting of the Newport County Poinona Grange, which was to be held in Jamestown, has been postponed a week.

Mrs. Lillian Lawton is visiting in Newport.

Rev. and Mrs. John Cornell, who have been spending the winter in New York, have arrived at their summer house on the West Main Road.

The Junior Auxiliary of the Holy Cross Guild will meet on Saturday afternoon.

The Colonel William Barton Chapter, D. A. R., has received portraits of George Washington, and his wife Martha Washington, a gift from Miss Emma A. Tallman of this town.

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German and Austrian bonds paying five per cent. interest, are now offered in New York at from 50 to 75 cents on a dollar.

The Bull Moosers in this State are going to hold a convention next Monday and nominate a set of delegates to go to Chicago to shout for Teddy.

It is estimated by summer there will be 2,763,000 automobiles in the United States, allowing 20 per cent. for cars that will probably be junked.

The indictment of a number of prominent citizens of Tiverton is entirely for political effect and will probably in the end become a boomerang for those who instigated it.

The price of coal has dropped fifty cents a ton in Boston. We have heard nothing about such a drop, in Newport. We are of the opinion that the consumers could easily survive such a surprise.

There are 800,000 children in France fatherless through the war, according to statement in French Senate. This is 10 per cent. more than the average French birth total, and amounts to more than half the childhood of France.

Legislatures come and Legislatures go, but the Massachusetts General Court goes on forever. At least there seem to be no signs of adjournment yet. Massachusetts Legislature and Congress seem to be running a slow race to see which will get there last.

Peace talk is getting to be more general of late. It is said that the Kaiser wants peace and that he has forwarded a letter to President Wilson to that effect. Powerful influences are working in Europe for peace, and it may come suddenly at any time.

The New Haven road agrees to sell its freight yard property in Providence in front of the State House, so it looks as though in time that eye sore would be removed and the surroundings of a fine public building be improved. There is need enough of it.

The United States has received unofficial assurances from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay, and Guatemala that they will interpose no objections if the United States finds it necessary to intervene in Mexico and have indicated their willingness to back up the United States with their moral support in such a course.

To show why print paper has gone sky high since the war began, one item that enters into the manufacture of paper, that of bleach, which is nothing else than chlorine, was bought before the war at \$25.50 a ton. It is now selling at \$85.00 a ton. Chlorine is used not only as a bleach for paper and cloth but it is now in great demand for the manufacture of high explosives.

We seem to have become a nation of whiskey drinkers. The increase in the production for this year will exceed last year by 10,000,000 gallons. Beer drinking seems to be on the decrease; sixty million gallons less has been brewed this year than last year. The use of tobacco is on the increase; over five millions more tax has been collected this year than ever before.

Wilson does not find it all smooth sailing with his Senate. It has refused to confirm the appointment of a member of the Federal Trade Commission, and the Senate Committee has declined to make a favorable report on Brandeis for a Supreme Court judge. If when the latter nomination comes before the full Senate, that body will relegate the nominee to "inconspicuous desuetude," it will do a good deed for the country. That nomination, if you can believe some of the ablest men in the country, was one unfit to be made.

Some of the Western papers seem to think that the office of Vice President is a useless appendage and want the office abolished. To the contrary we think the office an important one and there should be as much care in selecting a Vice President as in selecting the President. Five times in the life of this government the Vice President has been called upon to fill the office of President of the United States. In several of these instances the President was succeeded by a weak man. There is always the possibility of the Vice President being called to the office. It is therefore important that he be a man of ability and experience in the nation's affairs.

The New York Tribune, which is now pro-Roosevelt, lately printed a large cartoon to accompany an article by Victor Mordock regarding the colonel. The cartoon shows the colonel talking "trouble." Roosevelt throws off his coat and wades right in. Back of him is the path to "safety," which one more timid would take. But Teddy turns his back on that path and meets "trouble." The trouble is that he meets "trouble" more than half way. The picture might arouse Roosevelt's worshippers to cheers, but to others it leaves the impression that the colonel has been hunting "trouble" and is glad to find it. "Trouble" in this case is a large dragon, which few others than Victor Mordock would think the colonel able to handle.

Work Ahead for Republicans

This will be a busy world when peace returns. After such vast ravages the repair will be on a like scale. No prophet can tell when the war will end, but every one of the combatants is more or less disappointed. The nations piling up debt at the rate of five or six billions a year cannot stand such a strain indefinitely. Ruthless militarism is at a discount because it sees that it cannot do what it expected. Armies of colossal size are in the deadlock of trenches, and supercilious naughts are chiefly concerned in avoiding exposure to submarines. Sabotage has become unpopular. The realities of what it leads to are a sufficient answer to its blind folly. The law of recuperation will assert itself as soon as it gets a chance, and great will be all forms of business activity when the nations of Europe decide to treat each other with civility, offering the hand of amity in trade instead of the mailed fist. Nature works rapidly in the healing of wounds. Health is more catching and more general than disease. A good time coming is no fiction of an optimistic poet. A universal war in Europe is but another name for a widespread loss and suffering that involves the whole continent, and that will leave every country, when hostilities end, poorer than it was before.

The United States, as the wealthiest and most productive nation, and the most important outside of the conflict, will, it may be reasonably assumed, take a leading part in supplying the demands that come with peace. To provide for this situation intelligently is one of the foremost duties to be performed in the general election now less than six months away. The most capable constructive party is the one that should win, and in all probability will win when conditions and issues are rightly examined. What party has best guided the country in large emergencies? In the development of American industry? In financial affairs? In other weighty matters of national and international size? In the last fifty years all Presidents but two have represented the principles, the animating purposes, of one party. What will be chiefly decided in the election of November is the part our country will take in the busy operations of the world after peace returns, and probably in a more lasting form than before the present awful curse broke loose. It is not a good time for the voters of the United States to make a mistake, and one that will hamper and perplex them for four years.

A Prize, Perhaps

In ancient times poets, successful generals and victors in all kinds of contests were crowned with laurel, sacred to Apollo, the god of poetry. But the Department of Commerce, says an exchange, has found a prize far more tempting to its employees. In order to stimulate the circulation of Commerce Reports, a daily publication of the department, a seductive inducement, we are told, has been offered to the branch offices in the large cities of the country. The employee getting the largest number of new subscriptions is to be presented with "a handsome picture" of Secretary William C. Redfield, duly autographed by the original. Whether the secretary himself modestly suggested this form of reward of merit is not reported, but the promise of his autograph indicates his approval of the plan.

This will be a prize worth while. The secretary nurtures the finest crop of the peculiar type of whiskers to which Gen. Darnall gave his name to be found in official life. They are not as resplendent as those of Senator Hamlin Lewis, which are built on the changeable silk plan, reflecting the prismatic colors under varying lights. But the secretary's whiskers have individuality. It is said that when some manufacturer reports that the Underwood tariff injures his business, each individual whisker in the secretary's collection quivers with indignation. This effect will be best, of course, in pictures taken in repose. But the proud possessor can imagine the quivering, when he reads one of the secretary's scolding statements. The offer of the prize will increase the zeal of every subordinate of the secretary, but we feel that it would have been better to have offered a picture with each annual subscription to Commerce Reports. That is the only way children may be made to cry for the publication. Why should a privileged official class monopolize the secretary's pictures, anyhow?

There are surprisingly few contests to come before the Republican National Convention in Chicago. Nearly all the delegates have now been chosen and out of over nine hundred, there are only thirty-nine to be contested, all but four of which come from the South where no Republican electoral votes will be allowed to be cast. The Georgia contest is over national committeemen. The Louisiana contest is a fight between the Lily Whites and the Blacks and Tans. Both factions are for Weeks for president. The three contests in South Carolina grow out of the effort of John G. Capers, a Roosevelt man in 1912, to displace Joseph W. Tolbert as national committeeman. No presidential candidate is known to have an interest in the decision of any of these contests. Neither law points nor balance of power will be involved. The national committee will be confronted with questions of fact and its decision will have little if any general interest.

Cannot be Stampeded

The Republican National Convention this year will be made up of men of more than ordinary ability. The talk of these men being stampeded by outside influence is absurd.

Each delegate knows more about the sentiment of the voters he represents than any outsider. He knows how many took part in the convention that elected him. He will know exactly how much weight to give the claims of any self-constituted delegates who may try to sway his action. The delegates will be representative Republicans, loyal to the party and the country and familiar with political conditions. Noise will not affect them. It is possible that some delegate may be impressed by his fellows with his ability as to cause them to turn to him, to break a deadlock. Garfield got his nomination that way. So did Bryan at Chicago. Hadley came near doing it in 1912. But Bryan more fully expressed the prevailing sentiment of the 1896 convention better than anybody else. Advocates of outstanding men, long before the country, cannot stampede conventions. Witness the failure of the friends of Blake and of Grant. No matter how dramatic and spectacular demonstrations may be, delegates ignore them, unless they happen to be expressive of their own sentiments. Delegates are seldom if ever "converted."

The delegates to the Republican convention at Chicago will remember the past and consider the future. They will do what they feel will insure a united Republican party this fall. But they will make no "deals" with self-appointed leaders of imaginary forces.

Col. Mosby.

Col. John S. Mosby, one of the very few picturesque Confederate leaders still alive, is very ill in a hospital at Washington. His illness is old age, and from this he cannot recover. It is supposed that he will soon pass over the river. Mosby filled a thrilling page in the history of the Civil war.

A Virginian, John Mosby has always shown a hot temper. When at the University of Virginia he was imprisoned for shooting a college mate. While imprisoned it is said that he read law. He was pardoned by special act of the legislature. Mosby was practicing law when Fort Sumter was fired on. He was first a scout with the First Virginia cavalry. He afterwards became the great guerilla of the South, but after the war closed he accepted the situation quickly and became a staunch union man.

Preparedness is the watchword just now. That is all right but it should have been begun years ago. There are other things to be prepared for besides being ready to fight. It is time that we prepared to make in this country everything we need. Our Democratic free trade policy of making nothing at home that we can buy abroad where cheaper labor is in the ascendant, has well nigh ruined many enterprises. Our dependence on Germany for dyestuffs, and many other things that enter into the manufactured goods is a disgrace to this country. We are big enough, able enough and energetic enough to make everything consumed in this country right here at home. All that is needed is protection from the hitherto proper made goods of Europe. Protection as well as preparedness should be the war cry in the next campaign.

Lieut. Commander Frank T. Evans, in command of the Naval Training Station, Chaplain Gleason, Lieut. Rivers and Guy Norman will speak at the meeting of the Men's Club of the Church of the Transfiguration in Edgewood, Tuesday night, on naval preparedness and the desirability of civilians participating in the naval training cruise to be held this summer under the auspices of the Naval Department.

It is claimed that the New York delegation to the Chicago Convention will after giving Eliza Root a complimentary ride swing to Justice Hughes. It is thought that Hughes will have 250 votes on the first ballot to less than 100 for Roosevelt. It is believed that the Rhode Island delegation are all Hughes men.

The largest single cargo of grain ever loaded at the port of Boston was taken out early this week, when British steamer *Thames* sailed with 633,000 bushels of oats consigned to the French government.

Of 517 delegates to the republican convention already elected 540 will go unconstituted. It is safe to say that Roosevelt is not the first choice of this 540.

Bryan is bound to go to the Democratic Convention some way, and now it is said that he will go in the capacity of a reporter for the New York World.

Rhode Island Has Heard Enough.

(Providence Journal.)

The people of New England clearly and emphatically declared at the Boston and Providence hearings that they are in favor of continuing the operation of the Sound lines in connection with the railroads.

There is no possibility of misunderstanding public sentiment. Why should the Interstate Commerce Commission propose further hearings instead of rendering a common sense decision on the facts as already presented?

The announcement of further hearings is not pleasing to New England. The statement that "Rhode Island has had about enough of this fool business" correctly describes the prevailing opinion of the course of the commission with respect to the marine properties.

We can all say Amen to the above statement.

WEATHER BULLETIN



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Temperatures of May will average above normal on Pacific slope and below east of Rocky ridge. Rainfall of the month will be above normal in the cotton states east of meridian 90 and from about to below normal in the cotton states and eastern Canada will be from about to above normal and in middle Canada from about to below normal. Generally a good crop weather month.

Most rain and most severe storms are expected during week centering on May 9. A severe storm will cross continent, causing heavy rains, during week centering on May 30. Highest temperatures will occur during week centering on May 9, and lowest temperatures during week centering on May 20. Frosts will go further south than usual near May 20.

Troble line represents seasonable normal temperatures, the heavy black line the predicted departure from normal. The black line tending upward indicates rising temperature and downward indicates falling temperature. Where the heavy temperature line goes above normal indications are for warmer, and below cooler than usual. The line indicates when storm waves will cross meridian 90, moving eastward. Count one or two days later for east of meridian 90, and one to three days earlier for west of it. Warm waves will be about a day earlier and cool waves a day later.

Washington, D. C., May 18, 1916.

Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbances to cross continent May 18 to 23 and 24 to 25; warm waves May 18 to 23 and 24 to 25; cool waves May 25 to 28 to 30. Temperatures will be unusually high near May 21 followed by a great drop in temperatures in northern sections, accompanied by frost. Temperatures will remain low till about May 28 when they will begin to rise in the middle northwest. More than usual rain is expected during that ten days and the storm will be of greater than usual intensity. Generally good crop weather is expected. Some thunder storms but no hail nor tornadoes. Next warm wave will move southward along the Alaskan coast, reaching Vancouver near May 28, turning eastward, cross Pacific slope and crest of the Rockies by close of 20, plains sections 20, meridian 90 May 31, great lakes and Ohio valleys June 1, eastern sections June 2, north of St. Lawrence 3.

Storm wave will reach Vancouver May 29, cross Pacific slope and Rocky ridge by close of 30, plains sections 31, meridian 90 June 1, great lakes and Ohio valleys June 2, eastern sections 3.

MIDDLETOWN.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

COURT OF PROBATE—The regular monthly session of the Probate Court was held at the Town Hall, on Monday afternoon. All the members being present.

The following estates were passed upon.

Estate of Annie E. Sherman. The first and final account of Charles A. Sherman, Administrator, was examined, allowed and ordered recorded.

Estate of Alice P. Mayen. The first account of John C. Burke, Administrator with the will annexed, was examined, verified and passed for record.

Estate of Thomas Coggeshall, minor. William S. Coggeshall was appointed Guardian and required to give bond in the sum of \$500.00, with William Thurston, as Surety. Albert L. Chase was appointed administrator.

Estate of Minnie A. Johnson. Petition for removal of Guardian continued for further hearing.

Estate of Harvey P. Copeland. Petition of William C. Copeland to be appointed Guardian referred to the third Monday of June, to hear testimony in relation to the need of a Guardian.

Estate of Sarah P. Anthony. Petition of Joseph S. Anthony for probate of will and for letters testamentary, referred to the third Monday of June and notice ordered thereon.

Estate of Mary S. Bailey. Petition of Elizabeth E. Underwood to prove will and for letters testamentary to issue to her as Executrix, referred to the third Monday of June, with an order of notice.

In Town Council—The Committee appointed to obtain terms for hiring a steam road roller, reported proposals received, included in which was an offer from a Company in Buffalo, to let to the town a steam roller for one year, for \$300.00, with an option to purchase at the end of the year, for \$220.00. If purchase was made, the \$300.00 would be applied towards the purchase price. The subject was discussed at length, and a difference of opinion was manifested in the discussion as to the advantages and saving to the town, if it owned and operated its own steam road roller. It was finally decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Council in June.

Deeds conveying to the town, the private way known as Riverview avenue, connecting Green End avenue at the Berkeley Guild House with Wapping Road, were presented and accepted and the way declared to be a public highway. The Newport and Fall River Street Railway Company, presented a petition for a further extension of its pole line on Third Beach Road and Indian avenue, to enable it to furnish electric light at the farm of Mabel Norman and at the residences of Harriet F. Brownell and Mary Behrend. The petition was granted.

A license to gather junk, was granted to Henry Barishofsky of the City of Fall River and another to peddle tin ware and household utensils to Alvaro E. Borden of Portsmouth.

The following accounts were allowed and ordered paid from the town treasury:

Julian F. Peckham for highway work \$72.88; Joseph A. Peckham for highway work \$58.48; for removing snow from the highways \$9.75; Arthur A. Brigham for services as Janitor \$5.00; Thomas G. Ward, services as town sergeant \$19.50; for listing the names of owners and keepers of 280 dogs \$47.50; Patrick H. O'Neill for making 15 returns of deaths \$4.50; Fred F. Webber, services as member of Public School Committee \$25.00; T. T. Pitman Corporation advertising notice of annual town meeting \$52.25; Jennette Goffe, clerical assistance in Office Town Clerk for four weeks \$40.00; Herald Publishing Company, advertising notice of Canvass, ten times \$11.88; Providence Telephone Company use of three telephones \$6.68; Bay State Street Railway Company electric lights at Town Hall \$2.00; Accounts for the relief of the poor \$23.00; Total \$377.65.

Over nine thousand persons have already registered in Providence to vote at the November election. The registration is unusually heavy in all the north part of the State. In Newport the people do not seem as yet to be awake to the fact that this is a very important political year.

MIDDLETOWN.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

The pretty little chapel of St. Columba, was filled to overflowing on Sunday morning when Bishop Perry conducted a class of two young women and five young men. The candidates were presented by Rev. John B. Diman, Rev. Arthur N. Peaslee read the lessons for the day. The Bishop gave an address upon Christ's question—"Heaven or hell?"

The altar decorations were white carnations and ferns. The offering, which was for the benefit of St. Andrew's School, Darrington, amounted to \$70.61. This is one of the three churches of the diocese. Rev. Latta Griswold, the former rector, will be the preacher on next Sunday at the 11 o'clock service.

The stereopticon lecture on Pompeii, postponed from May 17th at the Berkeley Parish House by Russell H. Norvin, Jr., of St. George's School, will be held Sunday evening May 21st at 7.30. Last Sunday evening Mrs. Lorillard Spencer spoke before the members of St. George's School upon her recent trip to the Philippines. She will also give a talk, on same Sunday evening, at the Berkeley Parish House, and will use the stereopticon, having a fine collection of pictures which she personally took among the ruins.

The first public event to be given by the newly formed Junior Epworth League was held on Tuesday evening at the Methodist Episcopal Church (second and was in the form of a May basket social. Following a devotional service conducted by the president, Miss Elsie Peckham, the social committee, Dorothy A. Peckham chairman, assisted by Miss Walter P. Buck, the superintendent promoted an interesting series of games and shadow pictures. The May basket, some 20 in number, were then sold at auction by Mr. E. Robert Trinnell, no one having been allowed to pay over 25 cents. Lemonade was served.

An informal reception was held at the Berkeley Parish House on Wednesday evening in order that the friends of Rev. John B. Diman might have an opportunity of seeing him as he is unable to make parish calls. The affair was largely attended and the occasion an enjoyable one. Refreshments were served by Miss Howard S. Peckham and Mrs. Reardon S. Peckham. Mrs. Eugene Starovant was in general charge of the arrangements. Mr. Diman gave a short talk and there was general singing.

Rev. A. D. Grady of Providence, of the Anti-Saloon League, will be the afternoon speaker Sunday at the M. E. church.

Newport County Pomona Grange will hold its May meeting on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock at the Jantestown town hall, this having been a postponement from the regular date which fell on Tuesday of this week. An interesting program has been arranged for both the afternoon and evening session. The general topic will be Health, and among the speakers will be Dr. Francis P. Conway of Newport, whose subject will be "The Study of Nutrition and of Personal Hygiene." Supper will be furnished by the entertaining Grange.

The May meeting of the public school committee was held Monday evening at the town hall, in conjunction with the special building committee. As there was too much business to complete in one evening a special meeting was appointed for Friday evening. No decision was reached as to land for the new school house although several sites are under consideration.

Arbor Day exercises formed a part of the weekly program of the Oliphant Club at their regular meeting last week which was held at the home of Mrs. Helen Dolloff. The program was arranged and conducted by Mrs. John S. Coggeshall. The hostess presented as her regular subject, "Joseph Lincoln" and many extracts were given from his book, "Cape Cod Ballads." In conclusion three Arbor Day songs were sung. Miss Sadie E. Peckham acting as pianist. Light refreshments were served by the hostess. The out of door exercises that followed, were held on the front lawn where a beautiful view of the west bay was enjoyed. A lilac bush was planted, and while each member took a turn at filling in the earth, Mrs. William Livesey Brown read the poem, "Who Plants a Tree," by Robert H. Adams. There was a large attendance.

As a preliminary to the "Mother's Day" exercises at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday, Rev. Walter P. Buck gave a most interesting talk at the Epworth League Cottage service Friday evening at the Methodist parsonage. On Sunday as each person entered the church they were presented with a large, fragrant, white carnation by Mrs. Walter S. Barker, these having been the gift of the Sunday School.

"Does your husband believe in prohibition?" "About the same as he does I guess. He admits that there might be such a thing and the mention of it scares him dreadfully."—Washington Star.

"Heard about Alf?" "Al who?" "Alcohol. Kerosene him last night hasn't benzine since. Gasoleneed against a lamp and took a naphtha."—Chicago Tribune.

"How old do you think Kate is?" "Oh, Kate is a safe guess." "What do you mean by a safe guess?" "In case she heard of my saying it."—

"I dress expensively. Do you think you could do as well for me in that respect as father does?" "Perhaps so," said the young man. "Still I shouldn't like to go around looking as shabby as he does."—Los Angeles Courier-Journal.

Automobile Enthusiast—That car mice climb hills like a mountain goat. Cynic—Yes, I've often noticed it skip.—Yale Record.

"We often hear people say we're getting a taste of winter. What's a taste of winter?" "Why, it's when the cold is in the air."—Boston Transcript.

"Alice, if I told you that I love you dearly, that there was no other girl in all the world for me, would you promise to be mine?" "Would you mind telling me whether that is a proposal or a rhetorical question?"—Florida Union.

Nature—This old town used to be pretty quiet, but we've been a lot of disorder lately. Drummer—What seems to trouble? Red-headed man—Native—No, I'm an old man who started a police society.—Judge.

WEEKLY ALMANAC, MAY, 1916

STANDARD TIME.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Rises	4 19	4 17	4 15	4 13	4 11	4 9	4 7
Sets	7 51	7 53	7 55	7 57	7 59	8 01	8 03
High	10 10	10 12	10 14	10 16	10 18	10 20	10 22
Low	12 35	12 37	12 39	12 41	12 43	12 45	12 47
Moons	1 12	1 14	1 16	1 18	1 20	1 22	1 24
Full	12 15	12 17	12 19	12 21	12 23	12 25	12 27
New	12 28	12 30	12 32	12 34	12 36	12 38	12 40
First	12 42	12 44	12 46	12 48	12 50	12 52	12 54
Last	12 56	12 58	12 60	12 62	12 64	12 66	12 68

New Moon May 2 12:28m. Morning
First Moon May 13 12:54m. Morning
Full Moon May 21 12:15m. Morning
New Moon May 31 12:25m. Evening

Deaths.

In this city, 18th inst., John Henry, son of Charles and Mary Walsh.
In this city, 15th inst., John, son of John and Mary Murphy.
In this city, 15th inst., Josephine C., widow of William Jester.
In this city, 18th inst., John, son of the late James and Catherine Peckham, Chief Clerk of the City of Newport.
At the Newport Hospital, 18th inst., Mary A., wife of George W. Edgar, in her 75th year.
In this city, 18th inst., Martha L., widow of Thomas Crosby.
In this city, 18th inst., Charles A., son of the late Charles A. and Martha A. Easton.
In Portsmouth, R. I., 18th inst., Amelia Ann, wife of the late Cornelius F. Green, aged 78 years, 11 months, 22 days.
In Bristol, 17th inst., Dr. Martin Lester Bowditch, in his 84th year.

HOUSES, SITES AND FARMS

Persons living in other States, away from Newport and wishing information for their selves or friends regarding real estate, houses, furnished and unfurnished, and terms of sale for building, can ascertain what they want by writing to

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